



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

**MAILED**

**JUL 09 2007**

Technology Center 2100

STAAS & HALSEY LLP  
1201 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 700  
Washington, D.C. 20005

In re Application of:  
Sumiyo OKADA  
Application No. 09/336,706  
Filed: June 21, 1999  
For: MESSAGE DISPLAY METHOD AND  
INFORMATION EXCHANGE SYSTEM  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM

**DECISION ON PETITION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181**

This is a decision on the petition filed December 11, 2006 under 37 CFR § 1.181 to invoke Supervisory Authority of the Commissioner and require the Examiner to withdraw the Final rejection mailed September 14, 2006.

The petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

On December 11, 2006, applicant's counsel filed a petition to the Director under 37 CFR § 1.181 to seek relief from actions of the Examiner in relation to the Final Office action mailed September 14, 2006.

A review of the record indicates that on January 12, 2007, applicant filed a proper Request for Continued Examination (RCE) with the required fee, a preliminary amendment and a petition for one (1) month extension of time. A proper Request for continued Examination lifts the finality of the earlier office action.

Accordingly as petitioner's relief has already been given the petition is **DISMISSED AS MOOT**.

Any inquiry concerning this decision should be directed to John Follansbee at (571) 272-3964.

John Follansbee  
Technology Center 2100  
Computer Architecture, Software, and  
Information Security